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outcome of the Doha Development agenda multilateral trade negotiations remains their foremost trade policy priority, and they agreed to ensure that the deepening of bilateral trade relations supports the larger multilateral trading regime."

Shifting of Tobacco Board Office

2272. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to shift Tobacco Board Office from Guntur to some other place; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the place where it is likely to be shifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Research for development of tea

2273. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that research work for development of tea industry is facing severe financial crisis; and

(b) if so, the details of steps, the Tea Board has taken to provide sufficient funds to carry forward its research works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a) No, Sir. Sufficient funds are being provided by the Government to the Tea Board for undertaking Tea Research and developmental activities.

(b) Does not arise.